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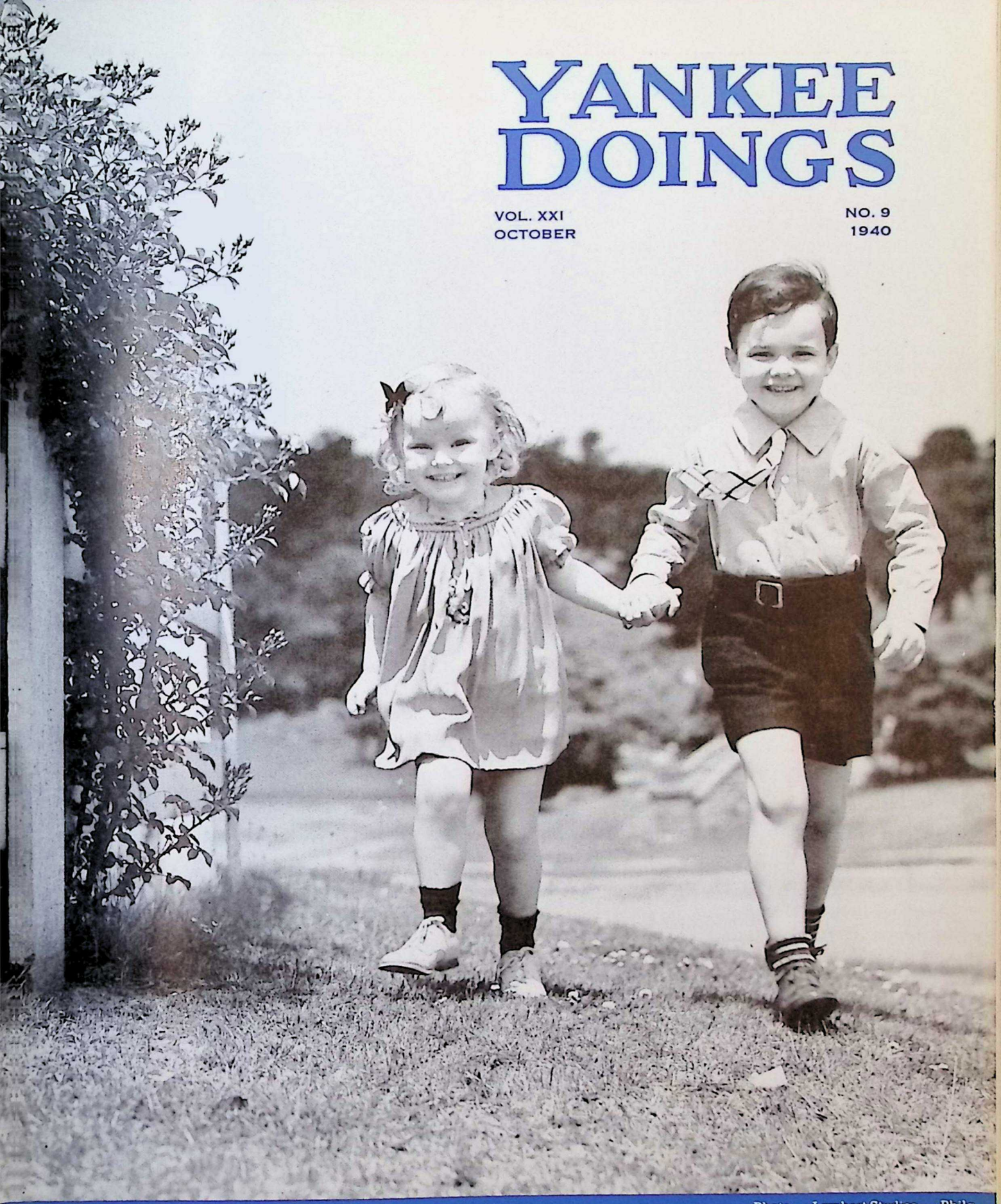

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EDITORIAL

Once more YANKEE DOINGS must remind its readers that a little better than two weeks elapse between the actual writing of what appears here and the day you open the pages to read. Things happen these days in two weeks. This is written on September 30. As of the present hour a certain precarious (and somewhat fictitious) balance in world affairs is being maintained. Uncle Sam is still walking the tightrope. It is not inconceivable that by October 16 or 18 he may have decided that this feat of legerdemain isn't fooling anybody any longer and give it up. Be that as it may, right now he's in the spotlight with full candle-power focussed on his teeterings and totterings by the searchlights of every world capital. If he's fooling anyone it's only himself.

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A month ago this column ventured the opinion that neutrality is merely a diplomatic myth. Certainly no one in the United States is neutral. Certainly the government of the United States is not neutral. And only by a supreme effort of stupidity were a few of our most arrant dunderheads able to delude themselves on that score. To them this cloak of alleged neutrality was a subtle and impenetrable guise through which the enemy's intelligence would be unable to pierce. They under-rated the enemy's acumen. Vastly. Whatever the Axis may be, it isn't deaf, dumb and blind. The announcement of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact serves a rather useful purpose. It lays the cards on the table. It calls the turn. It was bound to be called sooner or later. It sets the world stage. When the last gun is fired and the last bomb is dropped, there won't be any loose ends lying around this time. There will indeed be a

"new world order". But DOINGS predicts with utter confidence — and it has been right on several other occasions — that it won't be the new world order that Mr. Hitler envisions.

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"Neutrality" has provided a theme of fascinating vagaries in which historians of the future will find many a moral to point out to a world which — then as now — will neglect to listen and which it will refuse to heed. True neutrality can exist only in a state: (a) whose fate cannot in any way be altered by the outcome of the struggle; or (b) amongst a people utterly devoid of sentimental bias and sufficiently strong to preserve their own independence of action.

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Perhaps Russia comes nearest to fulfilling these premises. Certainly she has no such thing as sentimental bias, except inasmuch as she would dearly love to see capitalistic democracy beaten to earth. But her neutrality is based on other grounds. She hopes the exhausting struggle between other world powers will leave her in a dominant position at its close — they weak and exhausted, she with her strength and resources undrained. At least in her case a semblance of neutrality may be maintained — at any rate for a while.

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The position of the United States does not admit of any such simulation of the real article. It never has. The pretext, the myth, the bluff (and a transparent one at that) of neutrality has served two fairly useful purposes. It has given us time to at least lay the groundwork for a fighting force. And it has given the people a bit better than a year to catch up with the facts — to rub the sleep out of their eyes — to come to realize that which we believe the government at Washington has realized from the first; namely, that a showdown was inevitable. It has run its course. It has served its purpose, incomplete though it may have been. The showdown is here. The Japanese pact slaps it like a dash of cold water in the eyes of even those who haven't yet rubbed the sleepers out.

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There are those who will say that the government has "bungled" us into this position. We prefer to say that it has "led" us to this realization of fact. From the outset neutrality has been impossible. Only four courses were open. Let us examine them, and then judge if the course taken has not been the best one. 1. Openly espouse the Axis cause. This was patently impossible. Public opinion would have revolted; all our national interests would have been jettisoned; war with Canada would have been a likely probability; and our own government probably overthrown. 2. Openly espouse Britain's cause. This would have been premature. Public opinion wasn't ready for it. It isn't quite ready for it yet. There are those who still yammer "plunging us into someone else's war" and "pulling Britain's chestnuts out of the fire". The Axis has no more efficient agents than these. However, a year ago, or even six months ago, to face their fanatic antagonism would have been premature. 3. To maintain neutrality in deed as well as in name. In other words, send Britain no help. Let her sink or swim. This would have courted an even swifter disaster not only for her but also for ourselves than the one with which we are now face to face. 4. Maintain an alleged neutrality, giving all the help we could to the side where our interests lay, until our bluff was called; meanwhile preparing for that momentous occasion — physically by arming, spiritually by moulding public opinion. That we have done. To us it seems to have been best. The bluff has been called sooner than we might wish. Neither our physical nor our spiritual rearming has gotten very far. But they have been started and momentum will do the rest.

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So what now? We're not ready to fight. Two courses remain open. One will lead the two great remaining nations of free men to the quickest and most complete destruction it is possible to foresee. That is to back down, crawl into our shell, retire behind our continental boundaries, announce that affairs in the Pacific, the Atlantic and Europe are not our business (as the Axis so artfully points out we should do.) And as evidence of good faith withdraw our fleet from Asiatic waters and withhold further aid to Britain. By Spring she will fall, — and like a pack of hungry wolves the whole world will be at our throats. "Divide and conquer." What a marching example of that old maxim the past two years has been. Shall it march on to its inevitable conclusion?

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The other alternative is not a pleasant one. God grant us the power and the vision and the spiritual fortitude to choose the hard way. NOW. Ready or not, we must fight. NOW. We must not yield an inch or retract a word nor hear the Judas voice of false prophets. And as surely as to-day's sun arose and to-morrow's

will arise — that choice will lead us through the valley of sacrifice and suffering to triumph! To falter — even to show signs of faltering, — to compromise, to appease, to dream, to wish, — will be to fail, utterly, inevitably, inexorably and eternally.

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Call this the law of the jungle if you will. It is the law under which the world is operating. It may not be the highest law of which the intelligence of man is capable. But it is the law of the hour. The age of reason may come upon earth. It is not here. An interesting treatise might be written upon the relative value of human reason vs. physical force in the moulding of world history. The fact remains that force ever has been and ever will be the unconquerable answer. A thug blackjacks you and steals your money. Evil — plus force — has prevailed over right which was powerless. The police corner the thug at pistol point and compel his surrender. Right — plus force — has prevailed over evil. In jail, the thug, with others, plans and executes a mass break. Force again tips the balance. Troops are called out to maintain order and round up the fugitives. Again it is force that speaks. Always and forever, force has the final say. Decry and lament as you will the "godlessness" of certain nations and men. They recognize and proclaim a universal law of nature. Our only recourse is to answer them in kind.

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At one last barrier their vision fails. In this may re-assurance be found. Force coupled with righteousness is twice armed. It battles with the strength of God in its heart. He did not so make this world that right clothed in weakness will triumph through its virtue alone. Surely it must be that He hates a weakling. The law of force which we hear defamed as a foul and shameless thing is, after all, His law. The universe is based upon it; all of nature performs in accordance with its mandate. But when, in human affairs, force locks with force, in battle unafraid, then the strength of His arm is with those who do His work. His work? The task of emancipating those myriad sparks of immortality He has placed upon earth in each human creature, that each may win His most precious gift — Freedom of soul. To a degree then perhaps the exponents of force are gifted with a clearer vision than we. But upon this last barrier their hopes will crash and flounder. If — and mark this IF in the largest capitals you can find — *if* we march forth to Armageddon with high and singing hearts. For not to the weak and fearful does He offer the cup; only to those who fight His fight, who keep the faith, though it be with "reeking tube and iron shard." Call this a new creed if you will. Surely it is not the meek Christianity of Christ; nor yet is it a dogma of ruthless subjugation. It is perhaps the creed of the Old Testament, in which Jehovah smites his enemies hip and thigh.

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So clearly that even the slowest intelligence may perceive, the sword of world leadership has been thrust into our unwilling hands. Let us not caress it with words of piety and corroding affectation. Action and action alone will keep bright its burnished blade.

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Upon what journey is this that we embark? God knows. Where will it meet its destiny: upon the broad reaches of the Pacific, the cold ice floes of the north Atlantic, or in the teeming cities of our Eastern seaboard? God knows. But — one faltering step — one backward glance — and we are lost. So with high heart and resplendent faith: hail and farewell to days of ease and comfort, to home and hearth, to loved ones and little ones, to fertile fields and unscarred mountain majesties; to all things free men hold dear. It is to bring to these things immortality on earth that we enter the valley of the shadow. With a song and a cheer, let America clear the path. Dear Christ, and His saga of all that love which yet may be, our role has been cast in a tragic hour. Once more the forces of evil have made the fatal blunder. Once more America must turn the tide. This time shall her wounds be more grievous. Yet no backward glance. What must be must be.

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Membership at the end of September stood at 198 more than one year ago the same date. Nevertheless many weak spots need some bolstering. The National Convention of The American Legion in Boston during the last week of September brought many new members into the fold. But what's become of the old members — last year's members? Over 800 of them are still on the outside looking in. We'll let the table speak for itself. You can see where the weak spots are. And then do something about it.

Standing by Chapters, September 30

	1940	1939	Net change
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE			
Augusta	Revoked	4	—4
Cumberland County	15	10	+5
Farmington	18	15	+3
Lewiston	24	25	—1
Skowhegan	Revoked	6	—6
Waterville	45	Not chartered	+45
At Large	36	19	+17
	138	79	+59
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Concord	11	24	—13
Dover	Revoked	3	—3
Franklin	11	17	—8
Keene	37	35	+2
Laconia	Revoked	5	—5
Manchester	66	76	—10
Nashua	31	41	—10
Rochester	24	13	+11
Triangle	15	18	—3
At Large	16	14	+2
	211	246	—35
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT			
Bellows Falls	Revoked	0	—0
Brattleboro	27	22	+5
Burlington	Revoked	0	—0
Montpelier-Barre	27	27	
Rutland	26	18	+8
Springfield	Revoked	2	—2
St. Albans	20	Not chartered	+20
At Large	9	9	
	109	78	+31
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETS			
Attleboro	Revoked	4	—4
Beverly	31	40	—9
Boston	623	510	+113
Brockton	12	15	—3
Clinton	Revoked	2	—2
Concord	50	Not chartered	+50
Danvers	25	24	+1
Fitchburg	90	54	+36
Foxborough	11	Not chartered	+11
Gardner	19	Not chartered	+19
Haverhill	29	40	—11
Holyoke	Revoked	8	—8
Lowell	50	69	—19
Lynn	196	174	+22
Marlborough	32	12	+20
Milford	34	21	+13
New Bedford	19	41	—22
Northampton	Revoked	5	—5
Reading	29	Not chartered	+29
Salem	35	41	—6
Springfield	62	43	+19
Webster-Dudley	12	21	—9
Worcester	97	127	—30
At Large	73	66	+7
	1529	1317	+212
DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND			
Apremont	106	85	+21
Kent County	45	22	+23
Providence	148	167	—19
At Large	1	0	+1
	300	274	+26
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT			
Bridgeport	32	27	+5
Bristol	92	92	
Hartford	181	260	—79
Manchester	40	73	—33
Meriden	25	36	—11
Middletown	Revoked	18	—18
New Britain	67	62	+5
New Haven	78	107	—29
New London	34	35	—1
Norwalk	16	28	—12
Stamford	39	37	+2
Terryville	15	20	—5
Torrington	31	30	+1
Valley	39	38	+1
Wallingford	13	21	—8

Waterbury	19	21	−2
Willimantic	61	45	+16
At Large	6	8	−2
	788	958	−170
DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES			
Chicago	24	17	+7
Cleveland	50	28	+22
Denver	12	11	+1
Detroit	20	26	−6
Los Angeles	17	16	+1
New York	170	139	+31
Philadelphia	14	Not chartered	+14
St. Louis	Revoked	11	−11
Washington	32	29	+3
At Large	115	102	+13
	454	379	+75
GRAND TOTAL	3529	3331	+198

THE BATTLE OF FRANCE

By One Who Was In It

Viscomte Charles Benoist d'Azy

French Liaison Officer in 1918 with the Yankee Division

The following letter was received by General SHERBURNE, *who has forwarded it to YANKEE DOINGS for publication:*

Extract from Letter of Captain Charles B. D'Azy, Commanding Divisional Anti-Tank Battery, 1st Morrocan Division

August 22, 1940.

This is briefly the history of the "Batterie Anti-Chars (Tank) de la Division Marocaine", formed in France with men left in Depots after the Mobilisation. My men came all from the East of France (Lorraine-Alsace), from the North (South of Lille) and from Paris. We joined our Division, when that famous outfit moved up to Lorraine coming from Morroco. The Infantry was composed of 3 Native regiments and 1 Foreign Legion Regiment. The Artillery was composed of 2 regiments with native drivers (75-155). My battery was directly under the command of the Commanding General.

After occupying a quiet sector in Lorraine (Sierck) over the Maginot Line all through the winter, we were brought along the Belgium frontier, North of Maubeuge, on April 1st.

On May 10th, the day Hitler invaded Belgium, we marched forward at the speed of our horses to occupy a line at Gembloux, North of Namur. We were proceded by one of the only three motorised and armoured Divisions that France possessed. That gallant Division managed to delay the advance of the 40 armoured German Divisions, until we occupied the chosen front. Our tired Infantry was hardly in place on the 15th when the Germans attacked. My 8 47 m/m Guns were in position all along the front of the Division.

Right from the start, the Germans proved the superiority of their armament. It was first their aviation with their many Dive-bombers. We never had less than 20 of them the entire day over us, diving with the noise of their fearful "sirenes" on all our positions about once every 20 minutes, firing with their twin machine guns and throwing with an amazing accuracy their series of bombs.

In the meantime all the 5th Columnists who had passed, dressed in civilian clothes and taken positions in houses or trees in back of everyone of our lines of defence, proceeded to shoot with small machine guns in the rear of our men.

Many Divisions did not stand the moral effect of these methods of warfare, and all liaisons being also cut by spies, lost control of the troops who proceeded to retreat in disorder. Our Division counter-attacked after every fall back and succeeded in keeping the line during two long days. My battery destroying six enemy tanks, they were no longer used in that sector.

That same day, however, the Germans took Maubeuge in back of us and the Division had to retreat with the enemy on four sides. We tried to stop it again on the Charlerio Canals, we had practically no more Infantry (300 men left per Regiment of 3,600). During the next ten days we retreated slowly, placing our artillery on the first line behind canals that are numerous in that region and firing at sight. The men of my outfit had to fight in their own villages in many cases.

Finally, when the Belgian army gave up, we had to retreat faster and try to reach Dunkirk. One night, on a road that was jammed by all the retreating columns which had only a very small outlet to the sea, my battery was met by 50 German tanks. A bridge was immediately

destroyed by our engineers thus cutting my outfit in two parts. The German tanks set fire to our ammunition caissons and to several trucks. A village lit up like a match, and it was only two hours later, that the remains of the battery could start off again under explosions and machine-gun fire.

I realized that night the superiority of these German armoured units composed of tanks specialised for Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery work. The Artillery Tank is a large machine carrying a 75 or a 150 gun. It stops to execute its fires, and can afford to fire at sight on account of its mobility and protection. We had horses! ! !

At Dunkirk, we arrived on *foot*, having had to abandon equipment, everything, on roads that had been jammed by all that the British abandoned before embarking. There we gathered all the outfits together again, until, three days later, the last British soldier had gotten across. The poor Division was then down to 1500 men. After the sinking of two ships by the German aviation which was constantly over us, we landed 900 in Ramsgate on our way to Brest.

After a severe bombardment in Rennes which caused 4,500 deaths among the troops waiting in trains to enter the station, the Artillery of the Division, unable to find Guns anywhere, got hold of trucks and fuel, that, here again, had been abandoned by the British, and moved down to Toulouse, hoping to find arms there. But all our war material had been lost either in Flanders or later in the so-called Battle of France.

We thought of finding a boat to go back to Morocco. The Armistice came then. It became useless to go on! ! !

There we are now, at the disposal of the victorious German armies that we had to fight with obsolete arms one against four. We don't want to blame those that did not do their share in the battle, for we have our share of responsibility of what happened. We suffer from the effects of 20 years of bad political state management. The men that were in charge of our last Governments were nothing else but Gangsters. They were working for themselves and not for the Country. The war proved that we were unarmed, badly organized; besides, our schools taught the children to hate War and everything pertaining to the Military Discipline was ridiculed; egotistic satisfactions became the only aim of all the classes. With such an education the soldier of 1940 did not have in him the resistance nor the spirit of sacrifice that his father had in 1914-18.

Let the case of France be an example to all Democracies and to all lovers of Freedom, who allow dirty politicians to dispose of the material and moral power, of the patriotism of the country for the benefit of their egotistic satisfactions.

Will the Germans be big enough to build up a satisfied "Europe" instead of a big "Germany" surrounded by small slave countries? The future will tell; it will also depend on the final Anglo-German decision.

Here, in unoccupied France, we are setting up the new Regime, which is, to be more exact, the "Old Regime": No more parties, but Trade Corporations, the Representatives of which are to replace the ex-deputies and senators. All good men are cooperating, as the old politicians are slowly being elminated from all posts.

A quiet, good, revolution that we hope to carry through under the eyes of our Conquerors. There is a lot of hope for the future of the Country, for everyone is keen to work for its resurrection. — d'Azy.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S COMMENT

At the State Department meeting of New Hampshire in Nashua, held on September 22, 1940, Comrade TAYLOR, Secretary of the Convention Corporation, raised the age-old question, "What becomes of the two dollars paid to National Headquarters?" And, as he has been trying to obtain new members, many of them have said, "Why should I pay two dollars to help support the Boston Club?"

Your National Commander was asked to print in YANKEE DOINGS the answer he gave at Nashua, so that this issue might be sent to all YD men who are not members, who feel that they are supporting the Boston Club when they do join.

In the August issue, your National Treasurer's report is printed clearly and concisely, for all to see, and with very little reading, it shows that our membership income was $7425.00; that the expenses of YANKEE DOINGS was $3739.40, which is slightly over 50% of our dues. We also have only one paid employee, (our National Secretary) who devotes *all* his time to his duties and also edits the magazine.

One other fact that should be remembered is that the dues of the Boston Club are $5.00 a year, — $2.00 of which is paid to Y.D.V.A. Last year a total of $1,210.00 was paid to Y.D.V.A. by the Boston Club for their members' subscriptions to YANKEE DOINGS and membership in Y.D.V.A., *our* National Organization.

The only item that the Y.D.V.A. pays to the Boston YD Club is $50.00 a month for rent or a total of $600.00 a year. When one stops and figures that it costs the YD Club of Boston, at least $10,000.00 a year to maintain the Memorial Club building, and that expense falls on a membership of approximately 600 in Boston, surely, no man outside of the Boston Club should feel that he is contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

I sincerely hope that I have clarified this situation in the minds of all YD men, and, in closing, just bear in mind that if you belong to *any* organization, National Headquarters must be supported whether it be in Boston, Indianapolis or Kalamazoo.

— Austin Appleby,
National Commander.

YD BANQUET AT LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

It is a legend of the newspaper world that when the South Station was opened in Boston many years ago, one of the New York papers, to show how important it thought the news was, reported it in one line: "They opened a new train shed in Boston to-day."

Well, The American Legion held a National Convention in Boston on September 21-24. And if YANKEE DOINGS can't give the affair much more space than that, it isn't because of any false idea of its lack of magnitude and importance, but merely that it was so-o-o big, that we have neither space nor courage to try to tell anything about it. All we can do is sink back exhausted and try to get our wind back. WHAT a Convention — oh me, oh me.

But there was one distinct YD feature that was all our own: the Yankee Division Banquet at the Copley-Plaza on Tuesday night. Yes — "night" — not evening. It was just midnight when we finished our dessert and coffee. Hell's bells, the pee-rade didn't finish until 10:30, and about two-thirds of the crowd was in the Massachusetts contingent which marched last. The big salon looked pretty deserted until they came barging in; then it filled up pronto. Just over 400 in all dined in true continental pre-war fashion, with fruit cup about 9:30, and other courses stretching all the way till midnight.

Informality prevailed, there were only two speeches, and one of those two never did get across; one by Mayor Maurice Tobin, the other by Chet Grant (104th Inf.) Department of Mass. Commander of the American Legion. One certainly couldn't call the few words spoken by Gen. Cole, or any of the other Past National Commanders, a "speech". Incidentally quite a herd of P.N.C.'s were on hand: Gen. Cole, Sherburne, Bill Blake, Ben James, Ray Doucette, Len Maloney, Al Herman, Ed Miller, Jerry O'Leary. But it was a buck-private's night, not a brass-hat night; and the boys who got the big hand were the lads from far distant points.

Comm. Austin Appleby acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing those from far away, who arose at whatever table they were seated, while Jay Riseman's orchestra played the State Song of their native (or adopted) homeland. And a lucky thing it was that Warren Hoyt of Atlanta, Georgia is a transplanted northerner, or things might have commenced to happen when the poor misguided, benighed orchestra leader struck up "Marching through Georgia" in his honor.

Naturally every New England state was represented, also New York and New Jersey. There were so many from these places that DOINGS makes no attempt to list them. But here are some from points south and west, and if you don't think it was a cosmopolitan gathering, listen while the role is called:

Washington, D. C. — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Queenin; the Buckeye State of Ohio — Tony Lobalbo of Columbus, Glen Muir of Toledo, Roe Balo of Akron, Daniel S. McIntire of Zanesville;; C. F. Hanerford of Cincinnati; from Indiana — Charles Dorrough of Indianapolis; from Wisconsin — Leslie Hatton of Milwaukee; from Chicago — Bill Keyes and John Doyle; from Missouri — Harry Gambrel of Kansas City, John Morrison of St. Louis, and John Dodson of Phillipsburg; from Georgia — Warren Hoyt of Atlanta; from Florida — "Pop" Lonergan of Tampa and Preston Anderson of West Palm Beach; from Iowa — Bruce West and J. J. Carney of Cedar Rapids, and A. Sterzing of Sioux City; from

California — Mr. and Mrs. JIM RIPLEY of Los Angeles, Col. (and Mrs.?) FELIX LACROSSE of Half Moon Bay; from the State of Washington — C. S. HALVERSON of Bremerton.

There were others. DOINGS reporter didn't get all their names, for he, too, was having a grand time.

As nearly as could be, the tables, seating ten, were arranged by the old outfits we served in twenty-two years ago, and many a reunion — the first since the war — took place on that merry evening. The food was slow in putting in an appearance, but delicious when it arrived; everyone's behavior was exemplary. All in all, it was just about the finest YD gathering we've ever attended. A little more than 400 persons were there. At least another 1000 must have been in the city that night. It is a source of regret that every last one couldn't have been present.

One feature, probably overlooked by the music critics of the metropolitan dailies, was the rendition of a solo by BEN JAMES, to the tune of the Notre Dame football song. At least that was the tune the orchestra played. Your reporter can't vouch for the tune that BEN sang. We thought one of Maj. Bowes' amateurs was doing an imitation of the late Atlantic Ave. El. Lawrence Tibbett nor Richard Crooks need have any fear of a new star on the operatic horizon.

Mutual greetings were extended by telegraph with the reunion dinner of the Second Division at the Hotel Westminster.

Mayor Tobin made even more secure the place he already holds in veterans' hearts in a brief and sincere adderss, asking each one to go forth as an ambassador to bring Legion Conventions, YD Conventions, all veteran conventions, to Boston as often and as soon as could be managed.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S PAGE

Frank W. Coppinger

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED WORLD WAR VETERANS

Following is a resume of the legislation for veterans passed by the various States and which provides higher educational opportunites for the children of World War veterans who died in military or naval service of the United States or as a result of such service. Only states in which there is a fair representation of YD men have been included.

California

Act of June 16, 1931, (as amended June 5, 1933), provides for education of dependents (between ages of 16 and 21 years and residents of State for five years immediately preceding application) of veterans who were killed in action or died from other causes in World War service between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921. ($25 for each month of school attendance for students of collegiate, business, and trade-school rank, and $15 for each month of school attendance for students of secondary schools, to provide tuiton and other fees, books and supplies, and all or part of living expenses.) Veterans' Welfare Board, State Building, San Francisco; State Building, Civic Center, Los Angeles; or 107 State Office Building, Sacramento.

Connecticut

Scholarships for children (over 16 and under 23) of World War veterans who entered service from Connecticut and were killed or died from World War causes, and for orphans residing in Connecticut five years or more whose fathers did not enlist in Connecticut and were killed or died from World War cause. Maximum $200 per year per child, for tuition, fees, board, room rent, books and supplies while attending educational or training institutions of college grade, State normals, State trade schools, or commercial schools. State Board of Education, Hartford.

District of Columbia

Scholarships for children (between 16 and 21, inclusive, and domiciled in District of Columbia for five years) of those who lost their lives during World War as result of service in military or naval forces of U. S. Maximum of $200 per year per child, for tuition, fees, maintenance, books and supplies. Apply Board of Education, District of Columbia.

Maine

Scholarships for children of war veterans between 16 and 22 who are attending or may attend a State educational or training institution of collegiate grade. Maximum $150 per year, for tuition, matriculation, board, room rent,

books, etc. All children qualifying as war orphans under Scholarship Act admitted to State-supported institutions of college grade free of tuition. State Department of Education, Augusta.

Massachusetts

Scholarships for children (between ages 16 and 22) of veterans who died in or as a result of military or naval service, for secondary and higher education; $250 a year for tuition, matriculation, room rent, books, etc. State Commissioner of Education, Boston.

Michigan

Scholarships for children. Act of June 8, 1935, provides for admission of any war orphan not under 16 nor over 22, a resident of State 12 months, to any State educational or training institution of secondary or college grade without payment of tuition or matriculation or athletic fee. State Board of Education, Lansing.

New Hampshire

Scholarships for children — each war orphan between ages 16 and 21 whose father was enlisted or inducted from State and was killed in action or died from other causes between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921. $150 per year for board, room rent, books, etc., at State institutions of secondary or college grade. Admission to such institutions free of tuition. Limited to those who would be unable to attend institution without financial aid. Application to State Board of Education, Concord.

New Jersey

Scholarships for children. Act of March 31, 1930 (as amended in 1933), provides $150 annually for orphans of World War veterans 16 to 21 years of age, domiciled in State 12 months prior to enactment, who wish to attend secondary and higher educational institutions in State. Tuition or matriculation fees, board and room, books and supplies. Application to State Adjutant General, Trenton.

New York

Scholarships for children — available for honorably discharged World War veterans, including nurses and children of persons who died in service. Each provides $100 per year for tuition in any college, university, normal, technical or trade school of applicant's choice located in State, plus $100 per year for maintenance not longer than four years. Selection on basis of competitive examination. Application to State Commissioner of Education, State Capital, Albany.

Rhode Island

Scholarships for children. World War Orphans' Education Fund, effective July 1, 1932, provides scholarship of not more than $200 per year to any one child attending a State institution of collegiate grade who entered such institution before attaining age 21. Father must have been legal resident of State at time of entering service. Allowance paid directly to institution to apply on matriculation, board, room rent, books and supplies. Apply Director of Education, State House, Providence.

"IF YOU ELECT ME PRESIDENT . . . "

Mr. Editor:

You stuck your neck out and asked for it. You said you'd like to hear us birds in the hinterland sound off. If this is too long, cut, or junk it. You ain't no Cal Coolidge yourself when it comes to sayin' things in a few words. I was sitting listening to the radio, and all the old line of hooey, and it occurred to me that I'd like to just make one speech as a candidate for President of the United States. Not that I'd want the job; I'd just like to make the speech. And here is how it would go:

Folks, there isn't a bit of sense in my telling you that if you elect me I can make the next four years pleasant and easy ones, find a job for every one of you, and see to it that Uncle Sam supports you in the manner to which you are accustomed. I can't do it, and I'm not going to tell you I can. And neither one of my opponents can do it — no matter what they tell you. If either they or I hand you that sort of lollypop, we must think you've got omelettes in your heads instead of brains. For my part, I figure you're big enough, and strong enough, and virile enough, to take a slug on the chin with a smile.

If you'd rather elect a man who makes a lot of phony promises that you and I and he, himself, knows wouldn't fool a five-year old, that's O.K. with me. Only it's rating your intelligence pretty low. I'm not after the job for any fun I expect to get out of it. In fact it's about the same as enlisting in the army, only worse. As far as happiness goes, I'd rather be a Babbitt with a stucco house on Main Street in Kokomo and unrecognized by anybody more than 10

miles away. In fact I don't want the job at all so far as I'm concerned. But I'll take it if you want me to, the same way some of you used to take a tough detail up in the front lines. In fact that's just what it is; a tough detail, and out at the furthest advance position. But if I'm going to take it, I'll take it on my own terms. And if you don't like the terms, give one of the other fellas the job. It won't hurt my feelings; in fact I'll probably enjoy myself a lot more out of the White House than in it.

The next four years are going to be tough. We've got to roll up our sleeves, spit on our hands, and go to work. There's a helluva lot to be done, and juggling ten-place figures on sheets of paper isn't doing it. You're living in a swell house with a mortgage on every stick of furniture. You and I have got to pay off that mortgage. And borrowing money from the bank won't pay it. You'll only owe the banker instead of the furniture dealer. There's only one way to lift the mortgage. Produce something with your hands or your head that somebody wants and needs, and is willing to pay for. "Your darn tootin'," I hear you say, "that's just what I've been wanting the chance to do for the past ten years."

Well, what's kept you from getting the chance? I'll tell you. Three things: government, capital and labor. Government has taken us for a bunch of softies, without guts enough to do without things until we can afford them. So it has said: "All right, mummy's boy, run over and get your ice-cream cone, and tell the man to put it on the bill." Capital has taken us as a necessary evil, eating the frosting off its cake, when it might have handed out a slice of bread-and-butter to put enough strength in our bones to go out and tackle the wood pile. And labor — with a capital L — has taken us for a bunch of second-story workers, trying to jimmy our way into their private racket. Government, while passing around the lollypops and writing them off on the cuff, has growled like the big, bad wolf at capital, and patted Labor rackets on the back.

Hell's bells — and they call this the land of opportunity, where all men are brothers. Meanwhile each man's hand is set against his brother by every word and act that can be thought up. The man trying to run a little business on a shoe-string and make both ends meet is pointed out to you as your mortal enemy — not as a fellow American in just as tough a spot in his way as you are in yours — but as a guy who won't put you to work because you'd eat the frosting off his cake. And the fellas who have bottled up all the trades that you might make a living at if they'd let you in, — but won't because their own pets would have to work an hour longer a day — are trotted out before the footlights as mother's fair-haired boys who are bringing the world "economic emancipation", "social betterment" and a higher standard of living.

I don't know how you were brought up. But I was brought up with the notion that the name of this country we live in is the United States of America. And I was told it was one swell place. And I was told that if I had anything on the ball, and could show what it takes, I'd find my own breaks. And I was told that if I *did* get the breaks, it was up to me to help the next fella get one too. And I was told that if the going got rocky now and then, to pull in my belt and forget about that new car until next year. And I was told to adjust my way of living to my income; not to plan my way of living first and present the itemized bill to posterity. And I was told to run in now and then and see how the family across the tracks was making out, take 'em in some food and winter clothes, and give the old man a job mowing the grass or tending the furnace. And I *wasn't* told never to mind about that family — that Uncle Sam would take care of them. (Out of your pocket and mine, with a fixed charge for overhead.)

So much for that. Right now we're in a helluva mess. Not only is the furniture van likely to back up to the door any day; but a gang of pirates is breaking into houses in all the surrounding neighborhood and marching off with the family teaspoons. And what are we doing against the day he visits Our Town. We're talking about what a wicked monster he is. We're trying to make up our mind whether to face him with the combined police forces of the whole county or face him alone. And we're trying to figure whether to greet him with a pistol or a shot-gun. And we're writing figures on paper, saying "There, that'll scare him off." And worst of all, we're saying to ourselves, "Probably they'll knock him out in that other town, and he'll never get over here anyway."

If it's promises you want, I'll make you some. If you elect me, you're in for the hardest work and the longest hours you ever heard of outside of China. But that goes for the fellas that have had all the cushy jobs too. Either they work like hell, and take a pay cut too, or out they go. And it goes for me too. If you catch me loafing on the job, just sing out. That's your privilege and your duty. And if you ever hear me say that this class is the enemey of that class, just come down to Washington and usher me across the Potomac at the toe of your boot. Class, hell — there are only two classes in this land; the class that is trying to pull, and the class that is trying to drag. And it doesn't matter if you've got a million or your bare hands — you can either pull or drag. And if this is the country I believe it is, we'll all be pulling.

Just one more thing. The leader of this pirate crew we were talking about is a tough fella. We're tougher. He's a shrewd fella. We're Yankees. He's caught us with our pants down. But it don't take long to pull 'em up, if we stop dancing around long enough. About 99% of the loot he's pilfered he's got by talking. He's trying to talk us into a coma. He's trying to bust up all the other places, telling us never to mind, he isn't coming over here. So that when he does, we'll not only have no one to call on for help, but won't even be at ringside weight ourselves. And he's doing a fair job of succeeding.

It's up to you and me. Do we want to join in now and gang up on him while the chances are good; or take him on single-handed. If you elect me, we're not only going to work; we going to fight. And we're going to fight out on the street, not on the living room floor. And we're going to fight while our neighbor holds the thug's coat-tails rather than after he's taken the count. And we're going to fight with everything we've got, not with rows of figures on sheets of paper. And we're going to gather together everything we've got as quick as God will let us, instead of dilling around talking about it.

So if that's "plunging you into war", you'd better vote for one of the other fellas. And when they get you to the same point — which they can no more help than I can — don't say I didn't tell you.

Yeh, that's about what we'd say. Meanwhile Mr. Roosevelt's telling us we can have our cake and eat it too. Scare the enemy or lick him or get rid of him somehow or other; but not by working any harder or any longer. Hell no. And Mr. Willkie's telling us that Mr. Roosevelt is "plunging us into war". Take your pick. Both of 'em figure we can't take it. But we've gotta take it; and we're gonna take it — and like it.

Me? Hell's bells, one is as bad as the other as far as I'm concerned. Looks like Roosevelt wants to take on this defense program as a recreational project, and Willkie is like as not to try to live up to that "keep us out of war" business by the old game of appeasement — "let's see if we can't get along together". Take your pick: I'm scared stiff of the prospects whichever one gets in.

— (Name withheld by request).

CHARTERS REVOKED

At a meeting of the National Executive Committee held on July 12, 1940, it was voted to notify all Chapters having less than ten paid-up members, that unless their membership standing should reach ten or better by October 1, their charters would be revoked.

All such chapters were thus notified.

On October 1, the following charters were revoked, they having less than ten members apiece.

Maine — Augusta, Skowhegan; New Hampshire — Dover, Laconia; Vermont — Bellows Falls, Burlington, Springfield; Massachusetts — Attleboro, Clinton, Holyoke, Northampton; Connecticut — Middletown; United States — St. Louis.

It is hoped that the members of these chapters (some of them had no members at all) will not feel that this was in the nature of a disciplinary action. It was simply to remove the necessity of carrying along on paper the names of chapters which were little more than name only.

The members thereof lose none of their privileges as members of the YD Veterans Association. They are simply transferred on the records of the Association to members-at-large of their respective Departments.

If at any future time successful efforts are made to reorganize the chapter, its charter will date back in seniority to the date of the original charter.

THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF INDIRECT FIRE

As is known to every Yankee Division man, and every student of military science, Brigadier General JOHN HENRY PARKER ("Machine-Gun Parker" to you) was the father of the theory and practice of indirect machine-gun fire, a revolutionary idea used in the First World War.

Until now we always thought the idea originated in John Henry's own fertile brain. But it seems it was in his blood. The following interesting reply has been received in answer to a note written Gen. PARKER asking whether or not he was a direct descendant of the Capt. John Parker of Lexington, of Revolutionary fame, whose statue was pictured on the cover of last month's YANKEE DOINGS.

Editor of Yankee Doings:

My branch of the Parker tribe left England in 1648. Cromwell wanted to hang, draw and quarter them for being loyal to King Charles.

The oldest son followed Prince Charles and returned with him. That branch, in England, still holds forth and still holds the original "hide of land" granted to the Norman Captain Parker (le Parcqueur, it was then) for his services at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. He was the original proponent of overhead, indirect fire: "Shoot upward, Norman archers, so your arrows will fall in their faces." King Harold's only eye was hit, the battle was won, and Norman England began.

Two younger brothers emigrated to Virginia in 1649. Of these, one settled at Maldesfield, Isle of Wight County. One of his grandsons moved to Boston, there founding the family which gave to New England Theodore Parker, theologian, and Judge Alton B. Parker, onetime Presidential candidate. It is a family tradition that Captain John Parker of Minuteman fame came out of this branch.

My own descent is from the other brother of the 1649 generation in Virginia — a follower of Sevier to found the State of Franklin (now Tennessee). Later one followed Daniel Boone to Boonville, Mo. He was my grandfather.

As ever,

— JOHN HENRY.

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

C. A. GUILFORD of Cherry Street, Middleboro, Mass., wishes it announced that he has an oversupply of firewood, which he will give to any needy veteran who calls around for it. His phone number is Middleboro 786-R.

FOR HELP TO BRITAIN

Editor of Yankee Doings:

I can't see why the isolationists are against helping Great Britain. Don't they realize that we are not building a two-ocean Navy, airplanes and tanks to be used against South and Central America, nor Canada nor Great Britain. We all know who our enemies are. The Paperhanger and his partner will not stop until they conquer the world. At least that is their ambition.

I say I would rather fight in the other fellow's back yard before he has the opportunity to come over and fight in mine.

Politically speaking Mr. Willkie in his acceptance speech, said that Britain's fleet is our first line of defense. Still many members of his party in Congress are against giving any aid to England. Their personal hatred of England is so great they would rather sacrifice the United States. Men of this type should be defeated at the election.

I feel much better. They have taken the cast off my back the other day and I am able to sit up for an hour a day and hope to walk soon.

— SAM MARCUS.

Conn. State Veterans Hospital
Rocky Hill, Conn.
September 21.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

If America had heeded these words, quoted below, 1940 might not see us in a repetition of 1917's unpreparedness. They appear in an article in the *Washington Evening Post,* issue of January 20, 1919, by George Rothwell Brown. The clipping is yellowed with age, but the words ring with new meaning. If only they had been heeded rather than forgotten.

In general the article deals with the splendid record of the "five great Divisions", the 1st, 2nd, 26th, 32nd and 42nd. Remember, these words were written scarcely two months after firing had ceased.

"It is the widespread opinion in the overseas army, developed by blood and toil, that never again shall the United States permit itself to stand naked to its enemies. We must never again call upon our sons to endure what these men have been through.

"Here is the lesson in preparedness upon which the overseas army is pondering. *It is not sufficient that a nation should be rich. It must be ready.*"

TESTIMONIAL TO P.N.C. JERRY O'LEARY

A Testimonial Dinner and Dance is being held for Past National Commander JERRY O'LEARY at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, on Saturday evening, October 26, in appreciation of the work he did as Commander of the YDVA.

JERRY's Sergeant-at-Arms and close personal friend, PHIL MCKIERNAN, started the ball rolling; although preliminary discussions as to just what the best sort of an affair to run were already being talked over by the officers of the Association.

But PHIL took hold and took the job on his own shoulders, engaging the reservation at the hotel, planning the program for the affair, having the tickets printed, and even appointing his own committee.

There will be a full course dinner, a good orchestra, a few speakers and some high-class entertainment.

Tickets are $2.50 each. All, or nearly all, of the National Officers plan to be on hand, and hope that as many others will be there as possibly can be.

Each Chapter has tickets for sale. Let's make it a real evening, bring the ladies, and put it over in a big way.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

YD men in the states of New Hampshire, and Massachusetts will have the chance this coming November to cast their vote for a Yankee Division man. Dr. ROBERT BLOOD has been nominated by the Republican party for Governor of New Hampshire. In Massachusetts, the boys and gals in Lynn and vicinity will send LARRY CONNERY back to the lower house.

The living relatives of deceased veterans who are buried in so-called "park cemeteries", in which no upright stones or memorials are permitted, may have the grave suitably marked by a bronze tablet, furnished upon application to the Memorial Branch Office, The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

After sixteen years in other lines of endeavor, ERNEST E. FAIRBANKS (101st Military Police) writes from Washington that he has been reinstated as Assistant Mineralogist in the U. S. Bureau of Mines, in which bureau he was last employed in 1924. He has transferred his YDVA membership from New York Chapter to that in Washington.

Congratulations to Department Commander and Mrs. HAZEN O. HAGAR of Portland, Maine, on the birth of a son, Richard Otis, on Sept. 24.

ONE MAN'S MEAT IS ANOTHER MAN'S POISON

It would be easy to print excerpts from the many letters recently received in praise of YANKEE DOINGS. But it gives us even more pleasure to be able to print a bona fide communication from one who doesn't find things to his liking. After all, one of the most sacred rights in this America of ours is the divine right to squawk.

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Editor of Yankee Doings:

Greetings from the boys. We just got our YANKEE DOINGS and are disappointed as we did not see any financial statement of the lousiest Convention we ever attended. Instead of that you had a boresome editorial that might well have been deleted in favor of a snappy wartime story such as LEON DENIS or TED NOYES used to write, or some dope as to what the fellows around the Clubhouse are doing.

I'm told the boys in New Hampshire might ask for a good contribution from the profits of the Boston "deception". If we don't have another convention in Boston in the next 20 years it will be too soon. Let's have a real DOINGS next month, and tell us the truth.

— Name withheld by Editor's choice.

ORIGIN OF COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

Compulsory peace-time military service is now a reality in the United States and at least that one phase of our battle is won. An interesting side-light however — hitherto unknown to this correspondent — appears in an address delivered by Perry Belmont, Commander of the Narragansett Bay Chapter, Miltary Order of the World War.

It seems that an act, entitled, "The National Defense Act of 1792," provided in those early days of our Republic for a uniform militia throughout the United States, into which "every free, able-bodied, white male of the respective states resident therein, who is or shall be of the ago of 18 years and under 45 years . . . shall severally be enrolled in the militia by the captain or commissioned officers of the company . . . "

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

The Dep't. of Maine is now functioning on its winter schedule, the Secretary is E. P. WALKER, 94 Beckett Street, Portland, Maine.

Dep't. Commander HAZEN O. HAGAR, suffered a severe injury when a gas tank exploded at his place of business on Forest Ave., Portland, Maine, but he is improving rapidly, and should be himself in about five weeks.

It is the intention of Commander HAGAR to personally contact every chapter in the State as his time will permit. All the National Officers know that it is a big job to interest the YD men in Maine, the principal reason being that they are so widely separated.

The Dep't. Commander realizes this situation, and will put time and effort into contacting all YD men possible in the State, his ambition being to build up all the present chapters.

The Cumberland County Chapter starts its year off Sept. 20th, with one of their celebrated shows, and this will be followed by a membership drive.

— E. P. W.

LEWISTON - AUBURN
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"

Commander: J. Fred Shaw
5 Vale Street, Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
179 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Androscoggin Valley Chapter starts its Fall and Winter activities at our next regular meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2nd.

Nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at this meeting.

Our ways-and-means committee, headed by Comm. SHAW, plans on putting on another show by a Boston radio company some time in November to fatten up our treasury a little.

We also plan on dividing up the names of former members of our chapter among our active workers and try and get some of them back in good standing, also to go after some new members.

— W. E. R.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: William J. McNulty, 6 High St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, Nashua, N. H.

The State Meeting for Sept. was held in Nashua at the V.F.W. Home on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.

National Commander APPLEBY and his Staff were in Nashua for this meeting. The Staff consisted of Convention Corp. Chairman, JOHN W. DUNLAP and Past Dept. Commander EUGENE DUGAS of Manchester, Dept. S.V.C. "Pete" BOURGET, Pawtucket, R. I., Chaplain FRANK BERGIN and brother WILIAM BERGIN of Kent County Chapter, R. I., and NAPOLEON MAYO of Newport Vt.

We didn't have as many present as we expected but we soon found out the reason for that. The biggest part of the boys were already in Boston for the Legion Convention, but we had quite a few present and a good time was had by all.

Comrade TAYLOR of Manchester Chapter brought out on the floor the question of the $2.00 national dues, the purpose of which is misunderstood by a large number of our former comrades of the old YD. So he asked National Commander APPLEBY if he would be kind enough to have an article in DOINGS, and by using good, plain soldier talk explain to the boys where their two bucks go. We in turn will pass on our DOINGS to the former comrades whom we wish to make active again.

Bill McNulty promised National Commander Appleby that he would go to Rutland, Vt., on Oct. 6th to help him round up some of the boys of the Old Green Mountain State.

Nashua Chapter was host to the State Department and they served a wonderful chicken pie supper with plenty of seconds, and of course, we had some refreshments besides coffee. Chapter Commander Alphonse Tanguay was in charge of the Supper and was assisted by the following dependables — Wilfred Damboise, Hector DePontbriand, Melvin Willette, Robert U. Vantine, Christian Alfsen, Diamond Nadeau and William "Bill" McNulty, (and I'll catch Hell if I've forgot anyone.)

The next State meeting will be held in Keene, N. H., on Sunday, Oct. 13th, and, according to Dept. Sgt. at Arms Mike Zaluki, it will be in the Legion Hall on West St.

Dept. Commander will give two quarts of giggle water to the chapter with the largest attendance in Keene, so lets all make an effort to be there on the 13th of October. At this meeting National Commander Appleby will show the boys from New Hampshire the pictures of the YD Parade in Boston.

Commander Appleby wanted to know where that rivalry between Nashua and Manchester was that he's heard so much about: Well keep your eyes peeled because it's due to break into News very soon. — E. S. L.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John W. Dunlap
401 Highland St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Edward St.-Jean
845 Clay St., Manchester, N. H.

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Sept. 11, with Commander Dunlap presiding. We had a good attendance and planned for the fall activities, starting off with Ladies' Night, Oct. 9, which is the night of all nights. This is where we give the ladies a good time (after they put on the feed!)

Mrs. Gene Dugas is Chairman, assisted by all Chapter women. We also planned for our Thanksgiving Ball which is one of the big affairs of the year. The boys are all up and going, and we hope — with the fall coming — that we will increase our membership rapidly.

A good crowd is planning to attend the State Meeting in Nashua, Sunday, Sept. 22.

The Convention Corporation president and committee are working hard. It is a little early yet, but I will inform you that registrations have started to come in and we are out to register every man who served in the old outfit. Winter will soon be here and then Spring, and the Convention, June 5, 6, 7, 8, at Manchester, N. H.

— E. St. Jean, Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond E. Collins, 101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

This issue of YANKEE DOINGS goes to the printer too early for us to tell about the State Meeting being held in Rutland on Sunday, October 6. But one thing can be definitely stated: that Commander Collins is putting everything he has into getting the Department into working order before he has to leave with the National Guard — with the rank of Captain — later this Fall. It is his intention to have every locality in the state — whether there is a chapter existing there or not — represented at this October 6 meeting. National Commander Appleby and the National Secretary intend to be present to lend their assistance in setting up a real Department organization.

Unfortunately, on October 1, in accordance with a vote taken by the National Executive Committee on July 12, the charters of three Vermont Chapters had to be revoked. They were: Bellows Falls, Burlington, Springfield. As of the date of revocation, the total membership of the three chapters added together was exactly one member. But if things go as they should go, there will be chapters in those places again before too long.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: John W. Blake
169 So. Main St., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Howard A. Thayer
16 Spruce St., Brattleboro, Vt.

Meeting of Brattleboro Chapter was held on Sept. 12, with eleven members present.

Up to date we have twenty-seven paid-up members.

I find it some job to throw the rope around their necks and lead them to our meetings.

However if everyone does his part we will go over the top in the same old way.

— H. A. T.

RUTLAND

Commander: Raymond E. Collins
101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: William Woodbury
109 No. Main St., Rutland, Vt.

Well, this chapter got off to a slow start after the summer vacation. We held a meeting at the Armory and the crowd was the smallest yours truly can remember, only 12 present.

We had as guests, "Pop" Lonergan from Florida and "Puss" Clark from Cleveland, O., who were also on the way to the Legion Convention.

Art Foote and Ray Collins put on a baked bean supper with all the fixin's, after which the meeting got under way but there was not much doing. Commander Collins gave us the standing of the chapters in the state to date and Rutland with 26 paid-up national members ranks second. Commander Collins will be among the missing this fall or early winter as he is going south with the Army. He says he will be well supplied with snake bite medicine so guess he won't worry about getting bit. Maybe we can draft Phil Rich to pinch hit for us. That was a mighty fine editorial in this month's YANKEE DOINGS, and let's have more like it, for it sure carried a real message.

— Bill Woodbury, Sec.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Joseph G. Abair
8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

On Friday night, September 13, a YD get-together was held at Little Valley Farm with 23 members present. A combined turkey and fish banquet was enjoyed by all, with each and every member introducing himself and telling which outfit he served with overseas. If I am not mistaken the 101st Ammunition Train took top honors.

Quite a number of members of this Chapter attended the Legion Convention in Boston.

Our next regular meeting will be October 27 at Northfield, but in the meantime we intend to make a good showing at the State Meeting at Rutland on October 6.

— R. A. L.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John T. Sullivan, 16 Goodwin Ave., Revere, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Gilbert T. Cass, 20 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

FIELD DAY — FITCHBURG — SEPT. 8

State Department meetings may come and go, but the one held by the Department of Massachusetts at Saima Park in Fitchburg, on Sunday, September 8, will take a lot of beating.

It is to be doubted if even Connecticut in its palmiest days ever turned out 400 to a state meeting.

In the first place the day itself was perfect, one of the finest of the summer. But probably the one outstanding feature: the one everyone will remember longest and talk most about, was the FEED! Even Clyde Elliott had enough to eat. He told us so himself. Incidentally he was seated where we could watch him. If we exaggerate, Clyde, let us know. He had four pans of steamed clams (about a quart to a pan, by guess), five mugs of clam broth, two helpings of roast chicken (each a half a chicken), seven ears of green corn, and took the bag of potato chips under his coat to eat on the way home. The only reason every one of the four hundred didn't have as much was not that the supply ran low — they just couldn't hold it, that was all. Seated at long tables under the trees, THERE was a clambake that was a clambake, my friends, — with roast chicken and green corn just for good measure. At two bits a throw, Fitchburg Chapter kicking in the deficit. Seems like we heard that Dan Moran was Chairman of the Eats Committee.

There were other features, but they paled into insignificance. There was a beer and tonic bar, down at one corner of the field; there was a brief meeting in the open-air dance hall, with Johnny Sullivan in the Chair, and P.N.C. Len Maloney, Mayor Al Woolacott of Fitchburg, and Bill McBride, Chairman of the City Council as the three guests of honor.

And there was a soft-ball game, two of them in fact. In the first one — which your reporter did not see — Springfield defeated Fitchburg. Sated with triumph — and clams — the lads from Springfield challenged Lynn to an after-dinner game, and would have won that one too — they claim — but for the fact that Lynn had

an extra man on their side — the umpire. This functionary was none other than the National Commander, who, in a moment of valor above and beyond the call of duty, condescended to act as arbiter.

In the fifth inning the score was tie. Springfield had a runner on third. On an infield hit he attempted to cross the plate, but, according to his umps, he was out. The batter, in his valiant effort to score his team-mate had broken the bat — the one and only bat. So the game ended then and there amidst an avalanche of threats against the life and limb of "the robber" who had taken the game away from them. The two halves of the broken bat were presented with pomp and ceremony to the National Commander, in order that he might have visible cause to repent the error of his ways.

Another feature which took place at the meeting before dinner, was the presentation of a desk set by Fitchburg Chapter to its god-father P.N.C. Len Maloney. The outing was truly a family affair, wives and children making up fully half of the gathering.

The October meeting will be held on October 6, as guests of Haverhill Chapter.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SAYS

The Autumn season has arrived bringing with it the cool weather and that feeling of "up and at 'em." As Dept. Commander I feel that way, and I am requesting every Chapter Commander to let me known when and where they meet, set the date, and I will try and be there.

Some of the different events I have attended since going into office are: Installations of Salem, Beverly, Reading Chapter; Marblehead V.F.W.; Convention of Gold Star Mothers of America; Spoke in Lynn for recruits for regular Army; Tercentenary Parade in Haverhill; Lowell Chapter Outing; Dep't. of R. I. Outing; also the R. I. Dep't. Meeting; Meeting of the Boston Chapter; Mass. Dep't. Convention, A. L., at Salisbury; YD Dep't. Meetings in Springfield and Fitchburg.

The Department meeting in Fitchburg was without a doubt one of the greatest events ever run by the organization and was a credit to the Committee and members of Fitchburg Chapter.

It has been called to my attention that a certain party in business in the middle western part of the state is illegally using the insignia of the YD. This matter has been turned over to our Judge Advocate Clyde Elliott who is diplomatically taking care of the situation.

The next Department meeting will be Sunday, October 6, at the Haverhill Quarters, and I appeal to every member to try and attend this meeting because Haverhill needs our assistance.

Also do not forget we are going to Lowell in November. More details later.

— John T. Sullivan,
Dep't. Comm.

CONCORD
"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: B. Alcott Pratt
73 Main St., Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Reginald A. Morgan
99 Main St., Concord, Mass.

Summer vacations have reduced the activities of this Chapter to a point which leaves the secretary in some doubt as to whether it is best to write with little to record, or to take refuge in absentia. Having tried that last month we conclude we will try the former.

With very little effort we raised and sent in a substantial sum for the purchase of an ambulance and I believe every one of our contributors, reading from day to day of the "Battle of Britain" takes a personal satisfaction in knowing that the Y.D.V.A. has an interest in at least a part of an ambulance. We only regret that it didn't prove to be a whole "honest to God" YD ambulance, emblem and all.

The many friends of our Chapter Historian, Thomas H. Mansfield will be shocked to hear of his death. Tommy spent several weeks in the Soldiers Home in Chelsea fighting bravely a losing fight against a tough set of complications.

This Chapter plans to get going for the season with a Chapter meeting later in the month which we expect to give us a flying start on the season as well as ample material for the secretary when the next YANKEE DOINGS press day comes around.

— Rex A. Morgan,
Secretary.

BOSTON
Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Membership in the YD Club of Boston, 623 as of September 30, is at a higher mark than at the conclusion of last year on March 31, and the highest of recent years.

The Clubhouse was the P.C. of YD activities during the four days of the American Legion National Convention; and was more madhouse than Clubhouse most of the time. Men from all over the country dropped in "to look around and see who's here," and in most instances found at least someone they knew.

The Club secured a temporary liquor license for the four days, and the bar, set up in the pool room, did a land-office business, with a shifting crew of amateur bar-tenders whose dogs are still barking from the hours they put in on their feet. One local member, one of the best customers, asked your reporter after it was all over, if there was anything the matter with the drinks — said he had the biggest head he ever had in his life. We replied we didn't know, we had only about two drinks. "Gosh," said he, "I had seven hundred."

Sales of berets, canes, lapel buttons, YD medals, radiator emblems, windshield stickers, and YD novelties also mounted to new highs and kept at least two men busy all day and most of the night. P.N.C. Ray Doucette dropped in to say hello, and spent the rest of the day at the counter, selling merchandise and memberships.

The regular September smoker was held on the 19th. Austin Appleby showed motion pictures of "The Battle of France" and other new reels which had not been shown before at the Club.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.
Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Mansfield, Mass.

Commander Joe Dean called a meeting of Foxborough Chapter for Tuesday, October 1. Evidently some of the comrades thought he was kidding, as only five showed up. They were Commander Dean, V.C. Nate Sargent, Myron Peabody, Bill Marley and yours truly.

We "chewed the fat" in Joe Chrysler's for a while and decided to hold a meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 P. M. Maybe we can get the gang out.

Does anyone from F Battery, 101st Field Artillery remember the late Glenroy B. Cooke? His wife is looking for affidavits from his battery-mates to establish the fact that his illness was service connected. Anyone in a position to help, contact Joe Dean, Foxboro Police Dep't.

Paul Walsh is the new commander of Post 198, A.L. of Mansfield. He has a couple of 250-lb. porkers. Looks like he won't be without pork this winter.

Bill Warley is in the dog-house; one glass of wine is his limit now.

Myron Peabody swears he is going to the A.L. Convention in Milwaukee with the gang next year. Nate Sargent isn't feeling so hot right now, but he wouldn't miss a YD meeting. George Cooper is working 3:00 to 11:00 P.M., so he couldn't very well attend an evening meeting.

Dropped into "The Silver Anchor" to see George Bright, Commander of Beverly Chapter.

— R. G. H.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Martin F. Goyette
95 Bradford Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

Another month has come and gone with the chapter getting back together and ready to start the active season.

Senior Vice-Commander Roy Wightman, with the help of members of the Chapter and Auxiliary, held weekly Whist Parties at the Dugout. If any buddies are in Haverhill on Thursday evenings, or their friends, drop in and try for a prize.

Due to the National Convention of the American Legion in Boston, with the parade on Tuesday, the Chapter held the September meeting on Wednesday, September 25th. After our regular business meeting the Chapter and Auxiliary held a joint meeting to complete the plans for the State Department meeting, October 6, at Haverhill. Committees were appointed both by the Auxiliary and Chapter to plan a membership drive.

— W. Perry Tarleton,
Secretary.

LYNN

Commander: Walter Smith
53 New Ocean St., Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

After a quiet Summer we are on our way to get those new members to reach 250. Commander Walter Smith has appointed eight Teams to make a house-to-house campaign, so watch us go. Plans for our 22nd Annual Banquet are progressing with Carl Ruddock as Chairman and Leon Varnam and Eustis Grimes as Co-chairmen; assisted by Perley

KNIGHT, EARL BAILEY, CLAUDE HOAG, Commander SMITH, RAY DOUCETTE, RUDOLPH HEFTYE, GEORGE MERRILL and PETER PERRAULT and ROYAL THOMAS. Banquet will be held as usual on November 10th, 7.30 P. M., at Sunset Ballroom, Pythian Castle, Lynn.

PERLEY KNIGHT will act as Master of Ceremonies, and one swell program of entertainment along with dancing afterwards has been arranged. Tickets will be $1.50 and any out-of-town comrades who want reservations for yourself and the Mrs. or sweetheart, will never regret attending the best affair of the year, anytime or anyplace.

The Chapter expects to have a big turnout for the Armistice Day Parade. Plans are also underway for the formation of a Junior Corps. Our great leader, National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY and his cowboy Sgt.-at-Arms "Alabama" SULLIVAN were our featured guests at our regular smoker Oct. 1st; and was AUSTIN proud? The hall was packed and plenty of new faces were visible. It was a great night, lots of fun, swell movies, Austin, and very good chow.

As a parting shot — we would like all YD men in Essex County and Boston to parade with us Armistice Day — what do you say? Be at 168 Broad St., Lynn, at 10.15 A.M. and we will feed you after the Parade. Help your Lynn Chapter make a big showing.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

MILFORD

Commander: Michael J. Hachey
71 Main St., Milford, Mass.
Secretary: William O'Reilly
62 Bancroft Park, Hopedale, Mass.

Installation of officers was held by Milford Chapter at Major CROCKETT's "Dugout" on the evening of October 2, with National Commander APPLEBY acting as installing officer, assisted by the National Sergeant-at-Arms "Arizona" SULLIVAN, and GUY WATTS from Boston.

A clam chowder supper was served to the enjoyment of all, with doughnuts and beer. (Gosh, they must have cast-iron stomachs in Milford. — Ed.)

Austin showed several reels of motion pictures.

DOINGS has no written record of the new officers installed, but for the most part, last year's officers were re-elected and re-installed.

Captain Rooney of the local National Guard Company and two of his lieutenants were guests of the meeting.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roy F. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield Chapter will hold its next two regular meetings at the Hotel Charles on Friday, October 4th, and Friday, October 18th. Please all try to attend these two meetings and bring a new member with you. Our two meetings for September were quite well attended, but there are still many members we are more than anxious to see at our meetings.

At our meeting held at the Hotel Charles, Friday, September 6th, the club voted to accept the newly revised by-laws as presented by Chairman CLARENCE E. ROSS of the by-laws committee. These newly revised by-laws will be printed in book form and every member will receive a copy in the near future.

Commander COONS appointed Comrade BEACH as chairman of the Armistice Day Committee and Comrade BEACH asked Comrades DEE, PHELPS, ROSS, and PATCH to serve with him on this committee. Chairman BEACH held a meeting of the committee at his home Monday evening, September 16th, and it was decided to hold our Armistice Party at the Hotel Charles, Saturday, November 9th. Diner will be served promptly at 6:30 P. M. followed by a program of professional entertainment along with an orchestra for dancing. The committee is planning many pleasant surprises for those who attend the party and the subscription, including everything, will be just $1.25 a person. So let's go for the biggest and best Armistice Party that the club has ever had.

Our hats are off to the Fitchburg Chapter for the exceptionally fine outing held in that city on Sunday, September 8th. Forty-four of the local chapter and auxiliary made the trip by bus and private cars to the best State Department gathering that we have ever attended. Words fail us when we come to describing an outing such as the Fitchburg Chapter sponsored. The feed was just perfect and the Springfield crowd certainly enjoyed every minute of the time spent there. Our Soft-ball team made a new record by defeating Fitchburg team and tying the Lynn team.

On Sunday, September 15th, the local chapter and auxiliary were the guests of the Hampden County Council, Am. Legion Auxiliary's Field Day at Leeds Veterans' Hospital, in Northampton. About twenty-five members of the club and

auxiliary accepted the invitation and journeyed to Leeds along with our Drum Corps. We feel highly honored in being the only veterans' organization outside of the Legion invited to take part in entertaining our comrades who are confined to the Leeds Hospital.

Our drum corps sprung an agreeable surprise by having a beautiful majorette lead them. A member of our auxiliary, Mrs. Edna Bolack, was chairman of the committee for the field day and certainly did a splendid job.

At our meeting held on September 20th, it was voted to hold a roll call of all officers at all future meetings.

Don't forget the date of our Armistice Party, Saturday, November 9th. Dinner served at 6:30 P. M. — tickets $1.25 per person.

See you all at the State Department meeting in Haverhill, Sunday, October 6th.

— Roswel F. Patch,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD YD AUXILIARY

With summer vacations just a memory, our regular meetings have been resumed, the first one being held at the home of Mrs. Valentine on Sept. 16th. We had two blackouts during the course of the evening but nevertheless our hostess succeeded in serving us a delicious luncheon.

Plans are now under way for a Hallowe'en Party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Larrow, the evening of Oct. 30th. It is to be a masquerade, so promises to be a lot of fun. We had a grand time at the State meeting in Fitchburg. They certainly know how to put on a clambake. Everything was perfect. We are convinced now that Springfield has the best ball team in the YD League, but we didn't think much of the umpire. He makes a better National Commander.

— Irene Coons.
Secretary.

READING

Chateau Thierry Chapter
Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

It was impossible to drag the boys out to the Summer meetings, but it's a different story now; the gang are all set to go places this fall and winter.

We are still up in the air, as far as permanent quarters are concerned. However, we will make definite arrangements for at least temporary quarters "for our winter meetings", when next we get together.

A future attraction which looms large to us boys is a "get-together" which we plan to hold some time in November. It's just a year this coming November 17th that we received our Charter, and we intend celebrating the event each year. It's an exceptionally good excuse for the boys to have a good time.

Membership is on the up grade, which is news. Stan Gerard of Reading, formerly of the 104th joined up with us during the summer. Another new member from No. Reading is Phil Lally, also of the 104th.

At Martin's Pond, No. Reading, just off the Boston and Lawrence Rd., there is a nice halfway house, run by one of our Comrades. The first chance you get, drop in and say Hello to Comrade Harry Hobbie.

George Richardson, one of our comrades from Stoneham, has had a tough siege of illness the past year. But we are happy to say that George is on the mend. He dropped in to see Comm. Maxwell last week, and said he was much improved. He asked for some application blanks, and is out to do a job on YD vets in Stoneham. Good work, George.

Members of neighboring chapters are cordially invited to attend our Chapter meetings. We hold our business meeting on the second Thursday of the month, and our social evening, on the fourth Thursday.

— T. H. Campbell,
Secretary.

WORCESTER

Commander: Herbert S. Buss
27 Englewood Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent
13 Denny St., Worcester, Mass.

At a regular meeting on September 5, the following officers were nominated:

Commander, Fred A. Jones; Sr. Vice Commander, Robert W. Vail; Jr. Vice Commander, Eugene Gilliam and Harold Nute; Treasurer, William F. Murphy; Chaplain, George Gaumond; Sgt.-at-Arms, Earl Saunders.

The Executive Committee was named with two members from each wartime unit in the city, a total of twelve. Annual committees will be named later.

The membership drive is under way, with all delinquent members being contacted.

The Chapter is taking active part in all events taking place in Worcester. October 16, which is National Defense Draft Registration Day, several of our members will volunteer their services. A total of 600 veterans from all branches of the service will assist the registrars from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The loss of HAROLD BARRY, Commander of the 104th Infantry Veteran Association, is one that will be felt in years to come. Worcester Chapter, and YDVA officers from distant points turned out to pay him last honors.

Installation of officers, an open-house, plenty to eat and drink, with all the National and State officers invited, is planned for November. YD Parents' Association holds its Annual Dinner at the Bancroft on October 10 at 8:00 P.M.

Regular chapter meetings the first and third Thursday at the G.A.R. Building.

— E. C. P.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Randolph Darling, 124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The Dept. of Rhode Island started off its fall activities with Apremont Chapter the host. The meeting, which was very poorly attended, was held at the Tip Top Gardens in Pawtucket, R. I., on Sunday, Sept. 15th. Something must have gone amiss somewhere, because the department meeteings are almost always very well attended. We hope for better attendance at the meetings to follow.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Nat. Comm. AUSTIN APPLEBY, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN, Nat. Secretary PHILIP N. SANBORN, Dept. Comm. JOHN T. SULLIVAN (Mass), Dept. Treas. HARRY PLUFF (Mass); and P. Dept. Comm. GARDINER H. HALL of Conn.

Even though we had a small attendance, the membership reports rendered by the Chapter Commanders were very encouraging. Rhode Island is well ahead of last year at this time.

After speeches by the visiting dignitaries, all sat down to a nice luncheon provided by Apremont chapter and our good pal, Nat. Comm. APPLEBY finished up the day with some swell current movies of various European war-torn cities; The Isle of Bali and the YD Convention parade in Boston. Thanks, AUSTIN, we all enjoyed them immensely.

— H. W. HUNT.

APREMONT CHAPTER

Pawtucket-Central Falls
Commander: Randolph Darling
124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R.I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R.I.

Big doings are in the offing for Apremont Chapter — October 12 — City of Pawtucket — Mammoth Parade — part of the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration. This day is a legal holiday in R. I., so the parade will start at 2 P. M. at the Pawtucket and Central Falls Depot.

The Providence YD Band will lead our division and all YD men are invited to turn out and join us. Open house will be held before and after the parade at YD Headquarters in the British-American Building, High Street, next to the Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. Every YD man and his keeper is invited, and please note it is free.

The following committee has been appointed by Commander DARLING for Veterans Council, to represent the Chapter: BILL HOUGHTON, PETE BOURGET and AL PLANT.

Plans have already been made for the Armistice Day Parade and Memorial Service. This service will be held in the New West High School, East Avenue, Sunday evening, Nov. 10. An interesting program has been arranged and I hope all veterans who are able will attend. Your support of this affair will be a boost for our Chapter.

PETE BOURGET and RAN DARLING are doing their damndest to procure permanent quarters for us, because we sure do need them now, as our membership is way over 100. I have made a statement that we have the largest paid-up membership of any organization in the city, so you buddies that haven't joined, wake up and join with an up-and-coming outfit!

Commander DARLING, SHABBOTT, MILLIGAN and myself attended the Massachusetts State Meeting held in Fitchburg, and believe me, I don't intend to miss any of these affairs if I can help it.

A majority of the boys whooped it up in grand style at the Legion Convention at Boston. At the YD Club I ran into "Big Jim" SULLIVAN and his escort, and he sure needed one because it seems he had joined up with some Texas Longhorns. FRANK SENIOR met an old buddy from Conn. and joined with him in a few elbow breakers, and to show his good sportsmanship he

paraded with him in his division. Rhode Island, led by the YD boys of Providence, made a grand showing in the parade, so now let's make another big day of October 12, get behind our Colors, and show the home folks that the YD is always ready and willing to boost their home state.

— ALBERT PLANT.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: John J. Kelley
47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter held its monthly meeting on Sept. 19th in the Harrison St. Armory. The meeting was not very largely attended but plenty of discussion and action was noted.

Reports indicate that the chapter is going to have a very busy season before it. An intensive membership drive is under way to put Providence Chapter way over the 200 mark, and if promises could only be counted, boy, I mean we would be there now.

The following activities are scheduled for the next few weeks:

Oct. 10th — Mystery Ride. Leave Harrison St. Armory at 8.00 P. M. A nice spot, good music for dancing, plenty of eats and a good time for all. Tickets 50c.

Oct. 17th — Providence Chapter meeting, Harrison St. Armory at 8.30 P. M.

Nov. 1st — Third Annual Military Ball of Providence Chapter at Providence Biltmore Hotel. Tickets $1.00 per person. Dress optional. Grand march at 10.00 P. M. A swell time. Come out and support this affair.

Nov. 3rd — This date has been tentatively set as the date for the dedication of the Point St.-Eddy St. viaduct. It will be officially known as "The Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS' Memorial Viaduct." A joint committee of the chapter and the city are making elaborate plans to have this done up right. Invitations are being sent to all veterans' units asking for their participation. Further details will be sent later.

Nov. 10th — Annual Memorial Service. Providence Chapter will be host to the State Dept. of R. I. Services will be held in the Cathedral Church in Providence and will have a World War chaplain deliver the principal address.

Nov. 11th — Armistice Day. YD in Providence always turns out in goodly numbers for this day. Let's make this our banner year. We've won the cup three times in succession for the largest turnout. Can we do it again? You bet.

Our chapter treasurer, WALTER B. VICKERY has been elected Commander of YD Post, No. 26, American Legion, for the ensuing year. Congratulations, Walter, and good luck.

— H. W. HUNT,
Secretary.

Providence Chapter of the YDVA is endeavoring to make their Third Annual Military Ball one of the most colorful events ever held in Rhode Island.

The Ball is being held in the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., on Friday evening, November 1, 1940. Dancing is from 9:00 to 1:00 and tickets are $1.00 per person.

We would like to have as many as possible come in uniform, but tuxedo or regular business clothes will be in order. The dress for the ladies is optional.

Invitations have been sent to all State Officials and all Chartered military bodies in the State.

Nothing would please us more than to have all the National Officers present. And if you can make up a party and visit us on November 1st, rest assured we will be honored. If you are unable to make up a party come anyway and bring the lady.

— R. M. MURRAY,
Committee Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: William A. Allen, 165 Henry St., Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SAYS

Through YANKEE DOINGS I want to appeal to the Commanders of those Chapters in Connecticut whose membership is now running behind last year. Make every effort to bring your membership above last year's total.

— W. A. ALLEN,
Dept. Commander.

Shades of LEN MALONEY, AL HERMAN and ED MILLER, what's wrong with Connecticut? One

Department the YDVA never had to worry about. On September 30, 170 members below last year at the same time! But, in passing, hats off to Willimantic, Stamford, Bristol, Bridgeport, Torrington and Valley Chapters, which are up to or ahead of last year.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Ralph Fox
154 East Main St., Forestville, Conn.
Secretary: Fred Hyde
244 High St., Bristol, Conn.

This is your announcer, Old BILL SALLADIN, pinch-hitting for Secretary FREDDY HYDE, who is so busy in his new job as a painting and decorating contractor, that it takes all his spare time scouting up work and submitting estimates. HENRY COTE is in the same game as well as being City Treasurer. Give them your work.

It was decided at the September meeting to give up our rooms in Legion Hall and hold all future meetings at the YD Camp in Plainville, where we will meet the 2nd Friday of each month. The first will be an oyster supper (with beer) on October 11, with the help of the Auxiliary. That ought to get some of the slackers out.

At a parade in Bridgeport on September 22, "Pop" GEER was the only YD man I recognized in a parade of about 2000, which turned out to honor the local National Guard Company, called out for training. But Pop was the best dressed man in the parade.

Had to go to Boston to a Pontiac school in the United Motors Building on Ipswich Street. It turned out to be the day of the state primaries — and all the taverns closed. Wot t'ell. Finally I thought of the YD Club, and GUY WATTS fixed us up fine. The YD comes in handy at times.

Well, if you'll print some of this, the Bristol boys will at least see our name in print again.

— BILL SALLADIN.

And now comes FREDDY HYDE himself. Just after BILL SALLADIN has made a hole-proof excuse for him. Fred sends in just about the same dispatch as above, and so long as BILL beat him to it, we'll let it ride as it stands.

HARTFORD
Commander: Benjamin A. Bourn
219 Sisson Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

I have been secretary for over one year and have never sent in a thing for DOINGS. I should be ashamed of myself, but JOHN GOSS has done such a swell job for me that I just took it for granted that the job would be done.

Hartford, as always, is going swell, except for a few re-ups that seem to hold back. Why, I just can't seem to find out; perhaps it's because we have lost our meeting place at the State Armory and the fellows feel we won't have room for them any place else. If this is the reason, they can be assured that we can always find some place with plenty of room for all.

Commander BOURN called a special meeting on September 19 at the West Hartford American Legion Hall, which was attended by about sixty members. The call was in reference to the State Guard which is being planned for Connecticut after the National Guard is called to service. The whole plan was explained by Major Moyle from the Adjutant General's office, State of Connecticut.

Talk about swell jobs! . . . ROBERTSON, our Treasurer, and his gang are doing a swell job at Newington Hospital. They never miss a Wednesday nite, without cigarettes for the YD boys there. In fact, the fellows confined there think now that they really have a "Santa Claus."

Chairman ARTHUR NEISON of our Junior Drum Corps, is at it again. He has his gang tooting away for dear life with their newly dolled-up bugles . . . some shine! I understand HARRY ROBERTSON chased all over Connecticut "in between silos" to find someone that would shine the bugles almost gratis, if possible, and he must have found someone to do it, because they are done.

Don't you think I have done pretty well for my first letter to DOINGS, with the help of Joyce LaRose at the Hartford Gas Company?

— PAUL J. CARAVATT,
Secretary.

NEW BRITAIN
Commander: Walter Duplin
33 Woodruff Court, New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

DOINGS regrets that it is unable to print in full, the two and a half page, single-spaced dispatch sent in over the initials "P. J. M."

Very little of it is news. For the most part it is a series of exhortations to "get out and hustle and build up membership", purchase uniforms, and show some pep and hustle. The spirit in which it was written is the spirit which

the YD needs, but from past experience it has been proven that the printed word has next to zero value in getting members. To "P. J. M.": apoint yourself a committee, surround yourself with co-workers, go up and down the highways and byways — and sign 'em up. Make that speech at a Chapter meeting that you sent in; it is a honey! And we're sorry we had to put the brakes on your earnest and zealous effort.

At the Social Meeting on September 16, ED O'MEARA of Hartford Chapter gave an interesting talk on Social Security.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
19 Clark St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden St., New Haven, Conn.

A speech on his candidacy for the GOP nomination for U. S. Senator made by Gen. JOHN HENRY PARKER, and a swell financial report by Past Commander FRANK P. LEE featured the September business meeting of New Haven Chapter. The meeting was not too well attended, only the faithful being on hand.

Past Commander LEE reported avails of $171.50 from the August dividend club and a cash balance of $57.30 with all bills paid. He was given a rising vote of thanks. The chapter also arose in adopting a resolution of thanks to the committee that handled the annual outing. The affair was held on the club grounds and was a great success.

The outing attracted 43 paying guests and a few ringers. A swell roast beef dinner, plenty of beer and a great sports program combined to make a happy day. "Chick" BRERETON won horse-shoe pitching honors, and ED MALONE's Three Steiners trimmed "Jigger" MCCARTHY's Stemmers in a soft ball game. The committee, headed by Commander FRED HIRSCH, included JOE SCHURK, AL SMITH, RAY CHARBONNEAU, HENRY DUBE, STEVE BOMBOLISKI and BARNEY WYNNE. We broke even financially thanks to a "take" from the poker game.

The club's weekly pinochles got under way on Sept. 11 and will be given each week. A $50 season prize will be awarded. On the 13th the old fashion weekly dances were resumed.

Commander HIRSCH announced the chapter's participation in the Membership Blitzkrieg arranged by National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY for the period beginning October 1 and extending through the 15th of that month.

It was also reported that the Corcoran-Sundquist Post of the American Legion at Branford had been invited to hold a joint meeting with the Chapter soon. STEVE BOMBOLISKI is in charge of arrangements.

By unanimous vote the chair of the Chaplain was declared vacant and HENRY DUBE named by acclamation to fill the unexpired term.

— L. J. M.

NORWALK

Commander: Henry E. Woods
154 Gregory Blvd., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill Ave., East Norwalk, Conn.

The summer campaign HEN WOODS and I planned at the Boston Convention has all gone awry. I have been away all summer.

Dr. Ramsey bought a summer camp at Lake Waccabuc.

Our fall activities will soon be under way. Our first endeavor will be to secure a hall for holding our meetings. Meeting in members' homes does not bring good results, though it shows a real YD spirit.

This brief dispatch is to keep Norwalk Chapter on the map, and to show how badly we need the help of all YD men in our vicinity.

I surely enjoy your fine editorials. We miss you more than you realize when you are away.

— BARNEY T. CLARKE.

VALLEY CHAPTER

Ansonia—Derby—Seymour—Shelton
Commander: William E. Algren
37 East Ninth St., Derby, Conn.
Secretary: Nicholas Jecusco
11 Elizabeth St., Ansonia, Conn.

Valley Chapter wound up the summer season with 39 paid-up members on September 20.

The boys took their wives on a surprise ride which wound up at Wilcox Pier, where all sat down to a good old-fashioned shore dinner, after which they enjoyed the various forms of entertainment that Savin Rock affords. It made us all feel twenty years younger; even little JOHN GILL rode the hobby horses.

The next event, on September 21, the boys attended the installation of the Ladies' Auxiliary and sat down to a corned beef and cabbage supper that would have broke Dinty Moore's heart to miss.

JOHN HUNIHAN, Past Commander, is home after spending ten weeks at the Veterans Hospital at Castle Point on the Hudson.

Our representatives to the Veterans' Council

report that we will march with other veteran organizations and the two National Guard units as a body on the evening of November 10, to attend the Armistice Day service at Christ Episcopal Church.

Valley Chapter extends its sympathy to JAMES CANGANELLY whose mother died; also to ANTHONY RUBINWOLF who lost his father — both men are members of our Chapter.

— N. V. J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Robert B. Dickson, 320 Gregory Ave., W. Orange, N. J.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SAYS

Dear Commander APPLEBY:

Very much to my regret I find that I will be unable to attend the Legion Convention in Boston. Most particularly I will miss the YD Dinner at the Copley Plaza on Tuesday. We are extremely busy and I can't get away right now.

I had hoped to talk over some matters with you and PHIL SANBORN, but I'll write on these after the Convention.

I plan some letters to Chapter Commanders and Secretaries and expect to visit with some of them during the Fall and Winter.

The New York Chapter is coming along nicely. Several new members have been added and much credit is due ED. WILSON, our Secretary; and CLAUDE SEITZ, Chairman of the Membership Committee. We had an exceptionally good meeting last Tuesday night — very interesting and well attended. HARRY VAN HALA makes an excellent Commander.

Incidentally, I was pleased with the disposition of the funds raised in the Ambulance Drive and compliment the officers on this.

Please pass my regards to the other officers and to the boys attending the Dinner.

Sincerely yours,

— R. B. DICKSON.

CHICAGO

Commander: Ernest Kentwortz
134 No. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Your Secretary took a trip to Boston last week (Sept. 23rd), and was royally received by the YD. I attended the Banquet at the Copley Plaza on Tuesday night after the parade, and was very happy to find the old YD well represented from all four corners of this good old U.S. Did you YD men know that the old YD is represented in Alaska? Well we are, and our representative was there for the banquet. I don't recall his name, and outfits were not mentioned, but there was our YD man from Alaska. (Ed. Note: Sorry, Bill, that was a gag. The YDVA *has* two members in Alaska, but neither one was in Boston.)

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our past Secretary-Treasurer, and present Vice Commander, DANA HUBBARD, for the swell notice he sent in for last month's DOINGS. He knew that I was out of town on business, so he just pitched in, and sent the article in anyway. His article enlightens you on our picnic.

YD Men in Chicago Take Notice — The annual party which the YD Club of Chicago holds every year will be the best ever this time. We are holding the party at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, and we have reserved the Michigan Room, which is the nicest room in Chicago for a party of this kind. There will be a swell dinner, a fine orchestra, good entertainment, and there is a very good chance of our having our National Commander, AUSTIN APPLEBY, as a guest. The party will be informal. Notices will be sent out to all members in this district, but as a foreword, get busy and make up your parties now, and get in back of this affair, and help your committee put it over.

— WM. H. KEYES, Sec.

CLEVELAND

"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: John B. McGloin
2157 Brown Rd., Lakewood, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

On September 15, Ohio Chapter elected the following officers: Commander, RALPH SHAW, 1820 Oakmont Rd., So. Euclid, O.; Vice Commander, WILLIAM O'CONNOR, 2691 E. 116th St., Cleveland, O.; Secretary, FRED H. FLAHAVAN, 1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, O.; Chaplain, ALBERT LAWLOR, 3403 Fulton Rd., Cleveland, O.; Finance Officer, HOLLIS CHURCH, 15903 Parkgrove Ave., Euclid, O.; Sgt.-at-Arms, HARRY SCHNELL, 1646 Coventry Rd., Cleve. Hgts., O.; Board of Trustees for a three-year term, WILLIAM RAPER, 4389 East 139th St., Cleveland, O.

Every office was contested except the Chaplain and that was unanimous.

Elaborate preparations are already under way for the Installation which will be held on Sunday, October 20. The National Commander, AUSTIN APPLEBY, assisted by the National Sergeant-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN, will conduct the ceremonies. Both have promised to be present.

— FRED H. FLAHAVAN,
Secretary.

DETROIT

Commander: Elmer G. Brackett
12,123 Manor Street, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: Charles H. Smith
8114 Wetherby Street, Detroit, Mich.

Sept. 28, 1940.

After a three-month's summer vacation, regular meetings were resumed, with 13 members present.

The ever reliable "Old Guard" turned out as usual. ZAGATA, BUCKLEY, SWEENEY and CLARKE among others are practically always in place when the gavel bangs down.

We instituted the "Pot of Gold" idea, each member present donating and winning name drawn from the hat. All paid-up members names go into the drawer, but if member whose name is drawn is not present the pot is thereby built up for the next meeting.

This is formal notification to AL LAFOUNTAIN that he would have been winner had he been present. Come up'n see us some time, AL.

RALPH BENNETT and JOHN KLEIN attended the YD Convention at Boston and made a discovery. Both being Michigan men and replacements to the YD. They shared the prevalent belief out this way that you must be a New Englander to really belong.

The reception they received in Boston convinced them that if a man wore and lived up to the YD on his shoulder the gang cares not a hoot whether his home town was in Mass. or the ramparts of Hell.

Oh yeah! Lest we forget. Good old PETE SADY (hic!) was preshunt (hic!) fresh from some insurance convention where he had (hic!) a shwell time.

The secretary hereby swears off on any comments re: the members better halves, as his ears are still sore from the verbal barrage laid down by "Stinky" DAVIS' frau re: the trailer incumbrance crack in a previous issue.

The membership drive is on and some of the large chapters out this way are apt to awake some morning trailing us in membership.

The next meeting is at Commander BRACKETT's home and we can all be sure of a swell time.

In conclusion: — What do you think of our Tigers? Any remarks from Comrade FLAHAVAN of Cleveland to be strictly censored as this is a publication for home consumption.

— CHAS. H. SMITH,

NEW YORK

Commander: Harry H. Van Hala
45 Sutton Drive, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
Secretary: C. Edward Wilson
271-285 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, on Tuesday Evening, September 17th. Commander HARRY VAN HALA called the meeting to order at 8:05 P. M. Due to the absence of our Chaplain, Father TEMPLE, the Prayer was read by "Buck" O'BRIEN.

This was followed by the usual ritual after which the meeting was declared officially open. Introductions were then in order, and we noted several members present that had not been with us for some time. We also had the pleasure of welcoming nine new members.

CLAUDE SEITZ, Chairman of the membership committee, reported 15 new members signed up since our August meeting. He feels that when the members of the committee really get under way, we will be able to secure the hoped-for results. The Chairman cannot do this job alone, but must have the assistance of not only the committee, but every member of the Chapter.

Application blanks will be issued at the November meeting for the N. Y. State 1941 YD License Plates. Only 100 sets will be issued, so if you want yours, act accordingly, as you must be present at the meeting to secure the blanks.

The regular yearly Christmas Cheer Liquor Drawing will take place as usual. WHIT WASHBURN, Chairman of the Committee, will have the books of tickets ready for distribution at the October meeting.

The entertainment feature of the evening consisted of two boxing bouts and three wrestling bouts. The boxing bouts went over in a big way, but the real fun of the evening was watching the grunt and groan wrestlers do their stuff. It looked like a tough night for the boys in the ring, but they wound up the evening without any broken arms or legs. We were inclined to think, for the price they charged, they should at least have left an arm or leg with the Chapter for a souvenir. Beer was served and a good time was had by all.

It is our unpleasant duty to report that death has recently occurred in the family of two of our members. At our meeting Sept. 17th we were informed the mother of Comrade WALTER I. BROWNHILL had passed away. We wish to here express the sympathy of the N. Y. Chapter to Comrade BROWNHILL and his family.

On Sept. 23rd we were informed of the death of the wife of our First Vice Commander ELWIN J. COONEY. A number of members from the Chapter attended the funeral services, and an appropriate floral piece was sent by the Chapter. We wish to extend the sympathy of the Chapter to Comrade COONEY and his family.

— C. EDWARD WILSON,
Secretary.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

Our first annual reunion is now a thing of the past. At 2 P. M. on Sunday, Sept. 15th, eleven of us gathered at the Jewel Cafe for a feed and an afternoon devoted to an old-fashioned "bull session." Those present were — GOEDELMANN, CHAPIN, CHANDLER, MCLAUGHLIN, whom we had not seen for a long time, Doctor MORRIS, VETTER, ROCKWELL, PRESTON, LOEB, MURRAY, and PINNT, who was making us his first visit.

PINNT served as General EDWARDS' orderly and promised us a picture of "The Old Man" — autographed I believe.

The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to the members present at the YD reunion banquet held on the Tuesday of the Legion Convention at Boston. This he did. (Hope you received it O. K.)

During the meeting "Rocky" read a letter — a pretty swell one at that, received from our National Commander, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, complimenting us on keeping alive the Old YD spirit so far away from "home", and expressed his regrets on not being able ever to visit us.

After the meeting, several of the gang went out to Fitzsimons' Hospital and called on EDGAR C. MURRAY, who has been a patient there for a long time. On the way out, they stopped at the home of PAT PEDICINO, for a brief visit. Pat is still a patient at the Fitzsimons, but manages to get home quite frequently.

For the time being at least, we are going to hold our meetings on the third Sunday afternoon of every month.

Before I forget, the refreshments (liquid) were furnished by GOEDELMANN and "ROCKY".

It's been many a moon since ye editor uttered lamentations, loud and long, in this column. But he is just one man. And he can't be but one place at one time. There were a score of baby outfit reunions at the YD Dinner at the Copley Plaza on the 22nd of September. In fact each table was an outfit reunion all by itself. Over 50 members of the Signal Battalion alone were present. But has anyone taken it upon himself to write in a few words to be published here? No one. And yet all expect to read here of their old friends and pals of over twenty years ago.

Let every reader of YANKEE DOINGS — wherever he goes in the course of his daily work or play — keep constantly in mind that he is a roving reporter. And don't let the old fountain pen get rusty.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . Our annual reunion and convention held at Plymouth, Mass. was a huge success . . . the boys assembled for the three days, Sept. 13, 14 and 15 and had a whale of a time . . . The good people of Plymouth did everything in their power to give the boys a time they will long remember . . . For a convention town we strongly recommend the historic Town of Plymouth . . . the following officers were elected for the ensuing year . . . WILLIAM J. HALL (L Co.), President; JOHN W. COUGHLIN (K Co.), First Vice-President; ALFRED N. GIFFORD (D Co.), Second Vice-President; MICHAEL J. LANNON (Medical), Treasurer; GEORGE SCALES (G Co.), Historian; WALTER B.

GRANT (I Co.), Judge Advocate; GEORGE O'MALLEY (K Co.), Sergeant-at-Arms; Reverend MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, and Reverend OSIAS BOUCHER, Chaplains;; JAMES J. POWERS (H Co.), Secretary.

The installation will be held at Worcester, October 12 . . . Our sincere thanks to Major Andy Carr, (D Co.) for the generous hospitality extended to us during our stay at Plymouth.

The clambake held at the American Legion camp went over big . . . DAN CANTY was on from California . . . Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. AL PACIFICI, (B Co.) on the arrival of a baby girl . . . TOM DOHERTY, (G Co.) is dangerously ill at his home, 25 Flagg St., Woburn . . . BART DOHERTY, (F Co.) and PHIL MULVEY, (G Co.) are guards at the Concord reformatory . . . Our sympathy to FRANK DEANGELIS, (H Co.) on the death of his brother and to CON HYDE, (H Co.) on the death of his wife . . . JIMMY MORAN (I Co.), the young mess-sergeant, is taking life easy out in Los Angeles, Cal. . . . JAMES J. FITZGERALD (H Co.) has been made a Lieut. with the Cambridge Fire Dept.

Was glad to see our old friend, Major JIM DUANE at the Legion convention . . . Jim has been out in Pheonix, Arizona . . . He is looking great . . . Father BOUCHER arrived back in Boston in time for the convention after completing a trip that took him 11,000 miles through the country . . . the longest stay at one place was with his good friend Archbishop MITTY, who is located in San Francisco, Cal.

Many YD men accepted the invitation of the Firemen's Post, A. L., at the Legion convention and partook of their hospitality at the Dugout located at Rowes Wharf . . . According to FRANK MARR, (Medical) several thousand visiting firemen and their friends were wined and dined for several days . . . Yours truly visited around considerably, but in my humble estimation this Dugout was one of the highspots of the convention. . . . FRANKIE MARR is the Post Commander and deserves a lot of credit the way he took care of the boys.

Was sorry to hear of the death of JOHN BURKE, (H Co.) which took place a few months ago in East Bridgewater . . . HAROLD CHELSEA ALEXANDER (H Co.) was installed Commander of the Mattapan Post, A. L. . . . Which reminds us that our own EDDIE BURKE will shortly be installed as Commander of the YD Post, A. L. . . . Our hat is off to AL GIFFORD (D Co.) and EARL ALEXANDER (D Co.) for the splendid job they did at Plymouth . . . JACK MAGUIRE (F Co.) put himself out to see that Father BOUCHER was taken care of during the convention . . . FRANK FLEMING (F Co.) made a great hit at the Firemen's Post Dugout . . . He is still a great singer . . . George Gibson who served with the 32nd Div. wishes to be remembered to the boys . . . He came in contact with a lot of YD comrades . . . The largest registration at Plymouth was old K Company . . . What a gang they had down there.

FRED JONES and AUSTIN KENNEDY of G Co. head a large committe who are making preparations for the anual memorial mass of the Iron Battalion which takes place in Worcester, Sunday, November 17 . . . General TOM FOLEY (G Co.), in order to please the gang, had to make two addresses at the meeting at Plymouth . . . FOLEY is now the oldest senior officer of the regiment living . . . JOE MCCRAE (C Co.) has been retired from the Boston Fire Dept. . . . Through the kind efforts of Major VINCE BREEN (C Co.) there was a great showing of the 101st at the YD banquet . . . At the rate the different conventions have come this year, your correspondent is still a little cockeyed about the many places he should have covered . . . We are resorting to memos that we picked up as we went along . . . Some are clear and some are NOT . . . Hope you are satisfied.

— JIM POWERS.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

F COMPANY

Someone must have told JOCK GERRISH about SAM JOHNSON's reinstating himself in the YD Club of Boston after a lapse of many years. For JOCK followed suit a few days ago, after about as long an A.W.O.L. Reports that most of his time is spent in New York, although the family is still living in Greenwood, and he gets home when he can.

Met ROE CARBEE and ED SAULNIER at the YD Dinner at the Copley, and who should they have in tow, but ED "Dinty" ROSS, who was — to use a classic phrase — in fine fettle. Haven't seen Dinty since the year of the big wind (and we don't mean the 1938 hurricane either).

Heard that HUB FRARY was in town for the Legion Convention but didn't see him. And someone reported seeing PARKER BYRON.

There was a very diminutive, but exceedingly

boisterous F Co. reunion at your reporter's home in Needham on Monday night of the Legion Convention. On second thought better say Tuesday morning as it was about 3:30 when the last chorus was sung. Participants were PHIL PALMSTROM and his Missus; yours truly and his missus; and as a special condescension to a lowly infantryman, RAY QUEENIN and the Mrs. from Washington were allowed to sit in, and even sing when we told 'em they might. Mr. and Mrs. Ray were guests at the house for the duration. His only regret (we hope it was the only one) was that none of the local caravansaries where we supped and wined from night to night seemed to have a welkin for us to ring.

— P. N. S.

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HARRY J. KELLY, formerly of I Co., 104th Infantry, died at Northampton, Mass., on Aug. 20. He had but recently been appointed Chief of Police of Northampton.

HAROLD F. BARRY, formerly of A Co., 104th Infantry, Commander of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association, died in Worcester, on September 13. The funeral services, held on Sunday afternoon, September 15, were attended by a larger delegation of veterans and friends of the deceased than any seen in Worcester in recent years. The YD Veterans Association was represented by National Commander APPLEBY and Sgt.-at-Arms JAMES SULLIVAN, the 104th Infantry Association by practically every one of its living Past Commanders and more than 100 members. Members of Worcester Chapter appeared in YD uniforms.

Advice has just reached this column that SAMUEL FORD, formerly of G Co., 102nd Infantry, of Manchester, Conn., died on May 19, 1938.

YANKEE DOINGS has just been notified of the death of CHARLES H. KING, formerly of I Co., 104th Infantry, of Lynn, Mass., on August 12, 1939.

WILLIAM H. COWELL, who served in the Yankee Division, (regiment not given in clipping), athletic director of the University of New Hampshire from 1915 to 1938, died in Dover, N. H., on August 28.

THOMAS H. MANSFIELD, formerly a lieutenant with M Company, 104th Infantry, of Concord, Massachusetts, died on October 1, 1940. He was a charter member of Minuteman Chapter, YD VA, whose members attended the funeral services as a body.

DOINGS extends its sympathy to JOSEPH GREENBERG (L Co., 101st Inf.) a member of New York Chapter, on the loss of his father, aged 87, who was struck by an automobile on September 26, and died on October 1. Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg, Sr. recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

DOINGS OUT IN FRONT

It probably sounds like a bit of vainglorious boasting, but so many times in the past twenty years has YANKEE DOINGS editorially "called the turn" from weeks to years ahead of far larger and more justly famous publications in the land, that it has ceased to be merely coincidence.

By calling the turn is meant either predicting a policy which is later adopted; pointing out a trend that later becomes self-evident; or advocating a viewpoint which shortly becomes part and parcel of public opinion.

In 1938, DOINGS editorially urged the immediate creation of an armed defense greater in power than any possible combination of potential enemies as the best possible safeguard against war. In 1940, the Congress of the United States gets around to the same point of view.

Two months ago, in August, DOINGS said: (in an attempt at forestalling the critcism of adopting strongly centralized control of national defense as being a menace to our free institutions) "To meet this foe on even terms we must sacrifice, even before we start, the things we are engaging to preserve." Seven weeks later, the *Saturday Evening Post* says, editorially: "There is fear that liberty as we know it, the liberty we are willing to fight for, is now incompatible with its own effective defense."

These are but two recent examples. Many more extend back through the years. So what, says you? Oh nothing at all, just thought you'd like to know.

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COMING EVENTS

CLEVELAND — OCT. 20
Installation of Officers
Ohio Chapter

PROVIDENCE — OCT. 26
Testimonial Dinner to
P.N.C. Jerry O'Leary
Biltmore Hotel

PROVIDENCE — NOV 1
Annual Military Ball
YD Club of Providence

PROVIDENCE — NOV. 3
Dedication of Gen. Clarence R. Edwards
Bridge

LOWELL — NOV. 3
Regular Monthly Meeting
Dep't. of Massachusetts

CHICAGO — NOV. 9 (?)
Annual Dinner

LYNN — NOV. 10
22nd Annual Armistice Dinner

WILLIMANTIC — NOV. 10
Regular Quarterly Meeting
Dep't. of Connecticut

MONTPELIER — NOV. 17
Installation of Department Officers
Little Valley Farm — 2:00 P. M.

BOSTON — DEC. 6
Annual Military Ball
YD Club of Boston — Copley-Plaza

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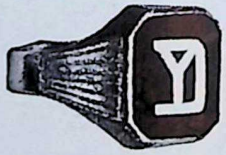

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